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SUBJ: FRG/ GDR TALKS MARCH 22

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1. SUMMARY: FRG FONOFF HAS PROVIDED US WITH A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE GRABERT- KOHL MEETING IN EAST BERLIN MARCH 22 WHICH LASTED FIVE HOURS. (GRABERT WAS SUBSTITUTING FOR THE AILING BAHR-- SEE REFTEL.) THE ATMOSPHERE WAS REPORTEDLY FRIENDLIER THAN THAT OF THE BAHR- KOHL MEETING ON FEBRUARY 28, BUT LITTLE MOVEMENT WAS MADE ON KEY QUESTIONS OF SUBSTANCE. THE GDR REP DID INDICATE A READINESS, HOWEVER, TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT MISSIONS DURING APRIL AND MAY. KOHL ALSO REPORTEDLY TOOK GRABERT TO TASK FOR LACK OF MOVEMENT IN US- GDR RELATIONS, APPARENTLY ASSERTING THAT THE GDR FELT THE US POSITION RESULTED FROM FRG PRESSURE. END SUMMARY.

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2. JOURNALISTS. THE GDR SIDE PLAYED THE ISSUE OF TREATMENT OF FRG- GDR JOURNALISTS IN LOW KEY. KOHL SEEMED TO PROCEED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE STATEMENT MADE BY GDR REP MEYER ON MARCH 21 (BONN 4268) FAIRLY MUCH RESOLVED THE PROBLEM OF FRG JOURNALISTS' ACTIVITIES IN THE GDR. KOHL PRESSED GRABERT ON THE QUESTION OF WORKING CONDITIONS FOR GDR JOURNALISTS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC, BUT DID SO IN RESTRAINED FASHION. THE FRG REPS HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT KOHL RECOGNIZED THAT THE JOURNALIST ISSUE WAS SENSITIVE ONE AND COULD EASILY BE BLOWN OUT OF PROPORTION IF MISHANDLED FURTHER.

3. FAMILY REUNIFICATION. KOHL INDICATED THAT THE REUNIFICATION OF DIVIDED FAMILIES SHOULD CONTINUE AS IN THE PAST, BUT THAT THE HANDLING OF THIS QUESTION SHOULD BE CHANGED FROM TRADITIONAL LAYERS' CHANNELS TO THE PERMANENT MISSIONS, WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY BE ESTABLISHED THIS YEAR. AS TO THE QUESTION OF CHILDREN, KOHL NOTED THAT THE GDR HAD DELIVERED 308 TO THEIR PARENT OR PARENTS IN THE FRG AND FELT THIS WAS A SIGNIFICANT STEP. HE SAID THERE MIGHT BE FURTHER CASES WHERE CHILDREN COULD BE SENT TO THE FRG IN THE FUTURE, ALTHOUGH HE CONTESTED THE FIGURES WHICH THE FRG SIDE HAD PUT FORWARD IN THIS AREA, CLAIMING THESE WERE FAR TOO HIGH. HE SUGGESTED THAT, IN THE FUTURE, WERE THERE TO BE CHILDREN' S CASES, THESE SHOULD BE HANDLED UNDER THE FAMILY REUNIFICATION RUBRIC AND NOT IN THE SEPARATE CHANNEL AS HERETOFORE. KOHL ALSO NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO LEGAL LINK INVOLVED, THE DELIVERY OF THE 308 CHILDREN BY THE GDR HAD NOT RESULTED IN THE RELEASE TO THE GDR OF ANY OF THE FROZEN FINANCIAL ASSETS WHICH HAVE BEEN HELD FOR YEARS IN BLOCKED ACCOUNTS IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE FRG SHOULD TAKE SOME STEPS IN THIS AREA AS A DEMONSTRATION OF ITS GOOD WILL.

4. RATIFICATION OF GENERAL RELATIONS TREATY AND UN ENTRY. KOHL ATTEMPTED TO ASSERT THAT BAHR HAD AGREED AT THE FEBRUARY 28 MEETING TO THE GDR PROPOSAL TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF THE RATIFICATION INSTRUMENTS ONLY AFTER THERE HAD BEEN POSITIVE ACTION ON UN ENTRY OF THE TWO GERMAN STATES BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. GRABERT ARGUED THAT
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BAHR HAD SIMPLY TAKEN NOTE OF THE GDR POSITION AND THAT

THE FRG BELIEVED THAT A DIFFERENT PROCEDURE WAS
REQUIRED, I. E., RATIFICATION OF THE LAWS BY THE
RESPECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY BODIES, EXCHANGE OF RATIFI-
CATION INSTRUMENTS AND THEN THE APPLICATION BY THE
TWO GERMAN STATES TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL. (COMMENT:
OUR FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT THE GDR
HAS SHOWN INCREASING NERVOUSNESS OVER THE UN ENTRY
QUESTION. THE GDR APPEARS TO BE CONCERNED THAT RATI-
FICATION BY BOTH SIDES WILL TAKE PLACE FOLLOWED BY
THE EXCHANGE OF
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